



E being sensible of the sad condition which this Commonwealth is in danger daily to be brought into, through the various changes and alterations that have befallen us; And knowing that a Nation or an Army divided against it self, cannot long stand: And finding that many attempts have of late been made upon us, to put us into distractions and divisions; and so far prevailed, as that nothing but the overruling power of the Lord of Hosts was able to keep us from sheathing our Swords in one anothers bowels, and so delivering up our Countrey (for whose preservation we were at first raised) into the hands of the common Adversary, who gaped for such advantage. That we may no longer (if God permit) lay our selves open to such inconveniences, nor encourage the hopes and expectations of our Enemies, We are resolved, through the blessing of God, and we do heartily and freely agree together, to walk together in love, and due observance of our duties in our places, and not to suffer our selves (so far as God shall help us) to be divided or disjointed, but to stand fixed as a united body in the prosecution of every good thing that the Providence of God shall call us forth unto, under the Conduct and Regulation following:

1. We do unanimously agree, consent, and declare, That Lieutenant General *Charles Fleetwood* be, and is hereby declared and owned to be Commander in Chief of the Armies and Land-Forces of this Commonwealth, and have power to execute the said Office, both in respect of Conduct and Discipline, according to this present regulation, and the Laws and Customs of War; and that we will observe and obey such Orders and Directions as we shall receive from him, according to the Discipline of War, and good Government of an Army.
2. We do agree, consent, and declare, That Major General *John Lambert* be, and is hereby declared to be Major General of the Armies of this Commonwealth, in *England and Scotland*.
3. We do agree, consent, and Declare, That Major General *John Disbrow* be, and is hereby declared to be Commissary General of the Horse of the Armies of this Commonwealth in *England and Scotland*.
4. To the intent that no single Person whatsoever may have a power to debauch the Armies or Forces of this Commonwealth, or worke them to any base or selfish interest, or render them serviceable to his lusts; We do hereby agree, consent, and declare, That Lieutenant General *Fleetwood*, Major General *John Lambert*, Commissary General *John Disbrow*, Sir *Henry Vane*, Lieutenant General *Ludlow*, and Colonel *James Berry*, or any four of them, be a Committee of Nominations, and have power to agree upon Officers for such vacancies as shall be in the Armies and Forces of this Commonwealth, from time to time; and such persons as shall be agreed upon, and certified under the hands of any three of them, shall be by the Commander in Chief commissioned accordingly, and not otherwise.
5. That no member of the said Committee of Nominations shall be removed from his place in the Committee, upon any pretence of Misdemeanour, or otherwise, but by Trial before a Court Martial of Field-Officers, consisting of thirteen at the least, or by his own consent.
6. That as any Member of the said Committee shall die, or be removed as aforesaid, the said Committee, or any three of them, together with such Field-Officers as can conveniently be called together within ten days, being fourteen Field-Officers at the least, shall by the major Vote choose and appoint another person to supply that place; and the person so chosen, shall be certified under the hands of the said major party aforesaid, and thereupon be enabled to act, and be deemed a Member of the said Committee of Nominations.
7. That men of courage, fearing God, of known fidelity and ability, and of good conversation, may be for the future admitted into places of Command and Trust in the Army; and that the Committee of Nominations do use their endeavour that such may be named and Commissioned.
8. We do agree, consent, and declare, that no Officer or Souldier in the Armies and Land-Forces of this Commonwealth, shall be cashiered or dismissed from his Employment and Place in the Army, but by a legal Trial before a Court-Martial, according to the Law Martial, and a Book of Articles agreed on, or to be agreed on, and printed and published, that none may plead ignorance, or by his own consent, except in cases of Reducements or Disbanding.
9. That the Discipline of the Army may be kept inviolable, and Justice duly administred by Court-Martial, for the punishment of wickedness and vice, and for the countenance and encouragement of Godliness and Virtue, that God may delight to dwell in our Camp, and his Work may prosper in our hands.